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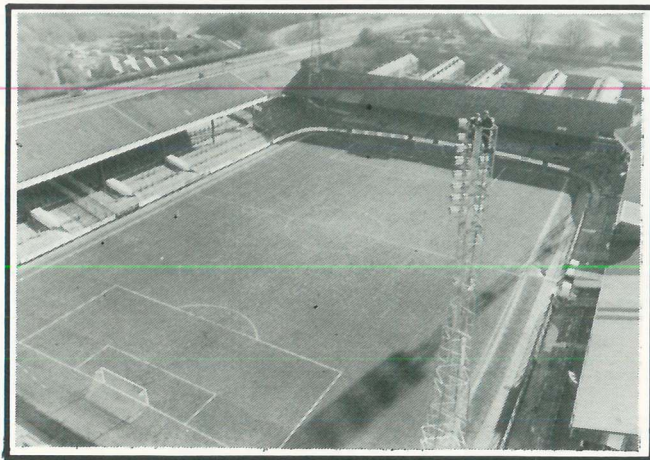
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Notes from the boss.....

READING have had a number of good results of late and I must say I'm not surprised.

When we played them down at Elm Park in September you may recall that they were fortunate to get a rather lucky late equalizer. They were struggling somewhat at the time but they have recovered well and edged themselves into the top half of the table.

As I say I'm not surprised because they have recently spent £200,000 to buy back Trevor Senior and he has joined a team of experienced players - like Hicks, Whitlock, Tait and Richardson. In contrast we have been required, largely because of the injuries to Mark Came and John Thomas (he misses his 20th game today) to place more and more emphasis on our younger lads.

They aren't exactly raw youngsters but they are relatively inexperienced in

terms of league games and they've had to carry some hefty responsibilities of late.

Nevertheless we came through Tuesday night's test at Preston in the Sherpa Van Trophy and can look forward to taking the next step in that competition, by which time I would hope to have John Thomas back in action and banging the goals in again.

I was pleased with the result at Preston and, in particular with the way the players showed no fear of playing on that surface.

It is most important now that we start putting a run together in the League. I've said before that we need fear no team - but you get nothing without putting in the work first. Reading will be a difficult team to beat but I am looking forward to a good performance and three League points this afternoon.



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Burnden Visitors



READING

Ian Branfoot, the Reading Manager, is trying to coax his side towards a top six spot and a chance to return to Division Two from where they were relegated last May.

Although they suffered relegation last season, it was not all doom and gloom with the high spot being their first major trophy win in their 117 year history, that being the Simod Cup, in which they beat Luton Town at Wembley 4-1, in front of over 61,000 fans.

This season has seen 'The Royals' mainly around mid table but although they have not really put together an unbeaten run they are rated one of the danger teams in the Third Division.

Back in September at Elm Park we came away with a 1-1 draw after John Thomas had put us in front, it took a Billy Whitehurst special to give Reading a share of the spoils.

On their travels so far this season they have won at Cardiff (2-1), Gillingham (1-0) and Northampton (3-1) while drawing at Notts County (3-3). Defeats have been suffered at Bristol City (1-2), Bury (1-2), Fulham (1-2), Port Vale (0-3), Wigan (0-3) and Wolves (1-2).

Dangermen to watch for today include striking partners, former Southampton star Steve Moran and prolific scorer Trevor Senior, while Keith Knight has also hit the target on numerous occasions this season.

PEN PICTURES

STUART BEAVON (Midfielder): Born Wolverhampton 30.11.58. Played handful of games in Division 1 for Spurs before joining Reading in 1980 for £40,000 after loan spell at Notts County. One of longest serving players having made approaching 400 first team appearances.

MIKE CONROY (Striker): Born Glasgow 31.12.65. £40,000 September signing from Scottish Premier side St Mirren, where first team opportunities were

limited. Scored four goals in first half a dozen appearances for Reading.

IRVIN GERNON (Defender): Born Birmingham 30.12.62. Former Ipswich player who joined Reading for £30,000 from Third Division rivals Gillingham in September. Ex England under 21 international he's played at left back and sweeper since moving to Elm Park.

KARL ELSEY (Defender/Midfielder): Born Swansea 20.11.58. Signed two days before start of season in swap deal which saw Jerry Williams go to Gillingham. Two footed utility player who prefers midfield role but has played back four. Formerly with QPR, Newport and Cardiff before making over 100 appearances for the Gills.

MICHAEL GILKES (Striker): Born Hackney 20.7.65. The hottest property at Elm Park and being trailed by several top clubs. Winger who spent last season at left back before reverting to attacking role with a vengeance. Failed to make grade at Charlton and Leicester. Now regarded as one of quickest players in the league.

MARTIN HICKS (Defender): Born Stratford-on-Avon 27.3.57. Club skipper who enjoyed highly successful testimonial last year after ten loyal seasons. Joined Reading for £3,000 from Charlton and has made over 400 league appearances for the club. Twice broken jaw in recent campaigns but missed only three matches last year.

KEITH KNIGHT (Midfielder): Early season bargain from Vauxhall Conference side Cheltenham. Cost only £7,000 but has knack of scoring vital goals. Signed as one for the future but forcing strong claim for regular place.

STEVE MORAN (Striker): Born Croydon, Surrey 10.1.61. Club's most expensive signing arrived at Reading from Leicester last November for £25,000. Started career at Southampton where won two England under 21 caps and played alongside Peter

Burnden Visitors

Shilton, Kevin Keegan and Alan Ball. Spent brief period at Filbert Street before teaming up with old Saints colleague Brantfoot.

GARY PHILLIPS (Keeper): Born St Albans, Herts, 20.9.61. Herts. £15,000 summer signing from Brentford primarily as cover for Francis. Entered league soccer at West Brom from non-league Barnet. Failed to make breakthrough at Hawthorns but moved to Griffin Park where became first choice keeper. Replaced injured Steve Francis in November.

STEVE RICHARDSON (Defender): Born Slough, Berks. 11.2.62. Another ex-Saint joined the Royals on a free after three seasons at the Dell. Speedy full-back made over 200 league appearances and twice voted fans player of the year. Good on the overlap and fearless in the tackle despite size. Suffered niggling injuries last time out.

MICK TAIT (Midfield): Born Wallsend, Tyne and

Wear 30.9.56. No-nonsense schemer began career at neighbours Oxford as a striker. Made 64 appearances scoring 23 goals before moving north for spells at Carlisle and Hull. Then spent seven years at Portsmouth but moved to Elm Park for £50,000 at start of last campaign. Played up front in Simod Cup run, scoring in final.

TREVOR SENIOR (Striker): Born Dorchester 28.11.61. One of the most prolific strikers in the club's history. Recently returned to Elm Park in a £150,000 move from Middlesboro, after unsuccessful spell with Watford who paid Reading £325,000. Scored over 120 goals for Reading.

MARK WHITLOCK (Defender): Born Portsmouth 14.3.61. Signed for £60,000 from Second Division Bournemouth at start of December. Played in First Division with Southampton but moved to Elm Park after losing first-team place with Bournemouth. Versatile central defender.



*Back Row left to right: Keith Knight, Mick Tait, Andy King, Gary Phillips, Mike Conroy, Martin Hicks, Trevor Senior, Adrian Chatterley, Paul Franklin, Irvin Geron, Linden Jones.
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CARDIFF v BOLTON

At the turnabout in the campaign, Cardiff will have been satisfied to avenge their 4-0 defeat at **Burnden Park** earlier in the season. The 1-0 scoreline separated the teams, a Kevin Bartlett 58th minute strike securing the points for the Welshmen.

Phil Neal had opted for two flank players in Jeff Chandler and Stuart Storer to take on the Cardiff rearguard, but for reasons which makes football such a fascinating game the positive thinking tactical decision never really lived up to expectations on a 'glue pot' surface. It was an unfortunate defensive error which led to the deciding goal and Cardiff manager, Frank Burrows will have been relieved to hear the final whistle holding on to the slim scoreline. Bolton had travelled to Ninian Park defending a five point cushion between the Clubs but the defeat narrowed the gap to two points, with Cardiff having games in hand.

THE THIRD DIMENSION

Today's visitors lost out to high flying Wolves at Elm Park, but they had to concede to a 2-0 defeat and over 9,000 spectators chalked up the Divisions top attendance. Second placed Port Vale, suffered heavy pressure at Chester but kept up their challenge, running out eventual 2-1 winners.

At Gigg Lane, third spot Swansea slipped to a Liam Robinson goal, his 18th of the season in a marginal 1-0 defeat. Fourth placed Sheffield United faced an unpredictable trip to Bristol Rovers but shared the spoils in a 1-1 scoreline.

At the bottom, Chesterfield leapt over Gillingham and Aldershot thanks to a 1-0 victory over

Bristol City. Manager, Paul Hart will be looking to continue their progress.

AROUND ONE AND TWO

Arsenal will be fancying their chances for the Championship after their 3-1 victory against Everton at Goodison Park. Coventry, obviously seething at their F.A. Cup 3rd Round exit at Sutton United faced a difficult fixture at Carrow Road against high flying Norwich, but helped themselves to a 2-1 victory which hoisted the Sky Blues into 3rd position, over Millwall, who suffered a 3-0 defeat at the hands of Manchester United at Old Trafford.

In Division 2, Chelsea earned a three point cushion at the top after their 1-0 victory over Crystal Palace at Stamford Bridge in the London 'derby' in front of a 24,000 crowd, the Division's highest of the day. West Brom, Watford and Manchester City, all on 44 points occupy second, third and fourth spots respectively.

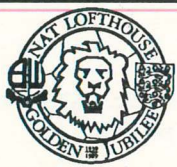
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Bolton managed to overcome Preston's 'plastic' surface in mid week, thanks to a Julian Darby winner to ensure further progress in the Northern section of the Competition.

Blackpool faced a difficult encounter with Fourth Division high flyers, Rotherham at Bloomfield Road. Seasiders manager, Sam Ellis already under pressure after recent indifferent results saw his team trailing 3-1 with time running out. The decision to bring on the substitutes made all the difference and sent the fans home happy after seeing Pool finish 4-3 winners.



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The Answers and Winners of

WANDERERS NEW YEAR TRIVIA QUIZ

1. The Wanderers have had five full international goalkeepers selected whilst with the club. Can you name one of them?

A-John Sutcliffe, Dai Davies, Dick Pym, Eddie Hopkinson and Jim McDonagh.

2. In what year was the Burnden Park record attendance set?

A-1933

3. Who were the visitors to Burnden for first ever game on the ground on 11th September, 1895?

A-Preston North End.

4. Who did the Wanderers face in the FA Cup finals of 1904 and 1926?

A-Manchester City.

5. Who were the only team to complete the double over the Wanderers last season?

A-Torquay United

6. Who was the Wanderers leading league goalscorer in six consecutive seasons between 1931/32 and 1936/37?

A-Jack Milsom.

7. Name the Bolton star pictured in his younger days.

A-John Thomas.

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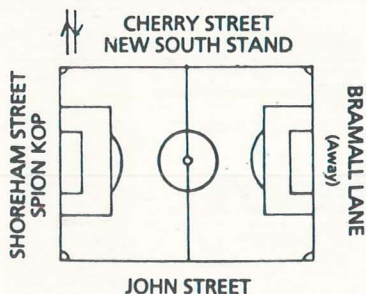
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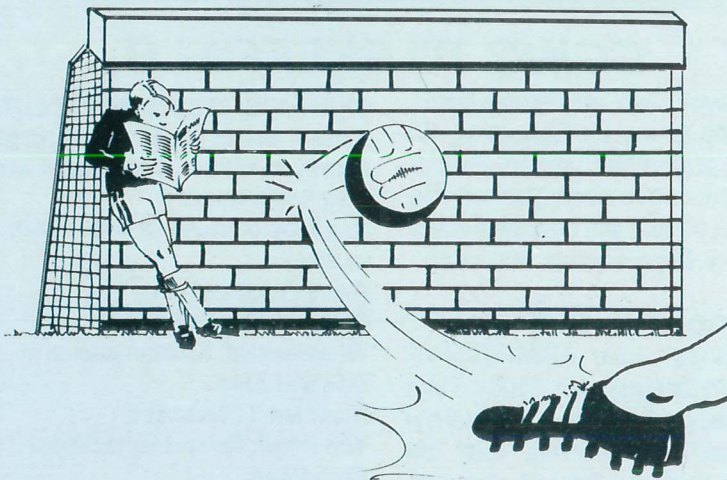
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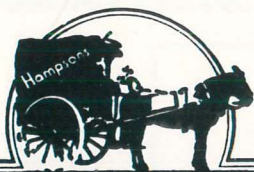
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5 YEARS AGO: 21st January, 1984.

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28th January, 1984.

Bolton went down 1-0 to league leaders Walsall at Fellows Park. Their winner came from a mistake by Simon Farnworth that culminated in Craig Shakespeare shooting into an empty net. The Wanderers were further hampered when Tony Caldwell was sent off for retaliation.

10 YEARS AGO: 3rd February, 1979.

Despite taking a point from a 0-0 draw against Norwich at Carrow Road the Wanderers felt cheated when they had a goal disallowed. In the 30th minute Frank Worthington's corner kick appeared to be at least two feet over the line before being scooped out by keeper Kevin Keelan. The referee however waved play on to deny Bolton a goal.

15 YEARS AGO: 20th January, 1974.

The Wanderers second Sunday soccer experiment again proved successful when Bristol City were entertained at Burnden.

City, who hadn't won since December 13th, took the lead in the 4th minute from a swerving left foot volley by Ernie Hunt. The Wanderers equalized when, from a Sam Allardyce cross, Geoff Merrick headed the ball gently past his own keeper when under pressure from Neil Whatmore.

Bolton scored what turned out to be the winner in the 35th minute when a shot from the edge of the penalty area by Roy Greaves went into the net by way of an upright.

100 YEARS AGO: 26th January, 1889.

A miserable wet and windy afternoon greeted 6000 supporters at Pikes Lane for the encounter with Blackburn Rovers. Two goals from David Weir and one from John Owen gave Bolton victory by 3-2 but there was uproar when the referee disallowed a Weir goal. He claimed the shot didn't go through the posts yet the mark of the ball was on the whitewashed board for all to see.

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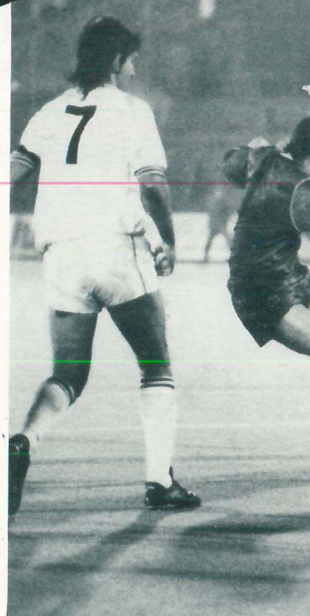
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Top right: Julian Darby cracks in Bolton's winning goal.

Bottom right: Gary Henshaw escapes from his marker.



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RESERVE AND YOUTH NEWS

11th January, 1989.

Bolton Wanderers Res. . . 2 v Mansfield Town Res. . . 2

Despite an off key performance the Wanderers reserves went back to the top of the central league on goal difference after taking a point from a 2-2 draw with Mansfield at Burnden.

The visitors took the lead in the 18th minute when Nicky Anderson got clear and converted his chance easily.

Gradually Bolton came back into the game with the main threat to Mansfield coming from Peter Barnes. His pin point cross found Nigel Jemson in a good position at the far post but his header was just wide of target.

Town keeper Andy Beasley saved well from Nicky Brookman on the half hour, but he was at fault with a right wing corner that fell for Peter Barnes to volley home the Wanderers equalizer three minutes from half time.

Seven minutes into the second period Craig McKernon restored Mansfield's lead with a powerful drive from 20 yards. It seemed it

wasn't going to be Bolton's night when two minutes later a left foot strike from Nicky Brookman hit the post.

Peter Barnes was to the fore once again in a move that resulted in Bolton's equalizer in the 63rd minute. He beat two defenders to get in a cross that found Mike Jeffrey, whose swift shot on the turn caught out the town defence to extend Bolton's unbeaten run to 14 games.

TEAM: Gray, Brown, Savage, Spooner, Jackson, Crombie, Brookman, Henshaw, Jemson, Jeffrey, Barnes. **Subs:** O'Brien, Callaghan.

The month of February will begin to sort out the top of the table as far as the Wanderers are concerned when they entertain Middlesbrough and visit both Hull City and Notts County.

Table as at 11.1.89.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bolton	16	11	4	1	42	19	37
Hull City	16	12	1	3	43	24	37
Notts County	17	11	3	3	45	30	36
Bradford C.	16	10	3	3	44	25	33
York City	19	8	4	7	28	20	28
Middlesb'gh	14	9	0	5	35	19	27



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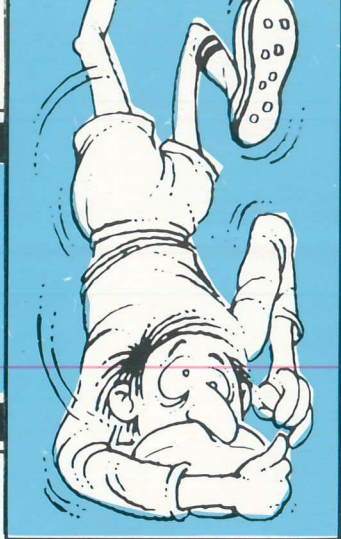
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SAFE HANDS

You would never have believed it that former referee Ken Walsmesley was a lifelong Bolton Wanderers supporter, but that was what he stated recently in his series of articles for the News of the World. It was quite amusing reading about his incidents with Liverpool and Brian Clough but then he suddenly revealed a couple of clangers that he had dropped during his time refereeing, and guess what, both of them against the Wanderers.

The one regarding Willie Morgan was quite a while ago but the other involving baby-faced Steve Thompson was like something out of Comic Cuts. Remembering that fateful New Year's Day in 1986 is never easy but arch rivals Wigan Athletic were the visitors and things were pretty even when all of a sudden young Steve mis-times a challenge and enters Mr Walsmesley who without hesitation sends him for an early bath.

According to Mr Walsmesley he made a mistake - he thought he had already booked Steve earlier in the game but surprise, surprise, it was the Wigan No. 8 he had booked, and now Mr Walsmesley

holds his hand up and three years on Steve has his name cleared. There are a couple of interesting points to come out after these three long years; firstly how could Steve ever be mistaken for that Wigan player who of course was big, mean Graham Barrow who looks as much like Steve as Quazi Modo looks like Steve Davies. Secondly, and perhaps more important, it was a decision that more than likely cost us the game and cost Steve loss of earnings due to suspension, etc. Now a lot of people might say "it's water under the bridge", but it would have been a nice gesture if perhaps Mr Walsmesley had revealed his secrets perhaps three years earlier.

Getting back to today's encounter with Reading, and of course the draw at half-time for the Lifeline Star Prize of an apartment in Tenerife. Some lucky member, come five-to-four, will be all smiles - and good luck to them because without that tremendous support the Club gets week in and week out from it's members then it might have been all so different.



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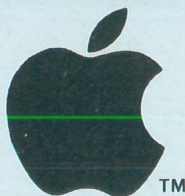
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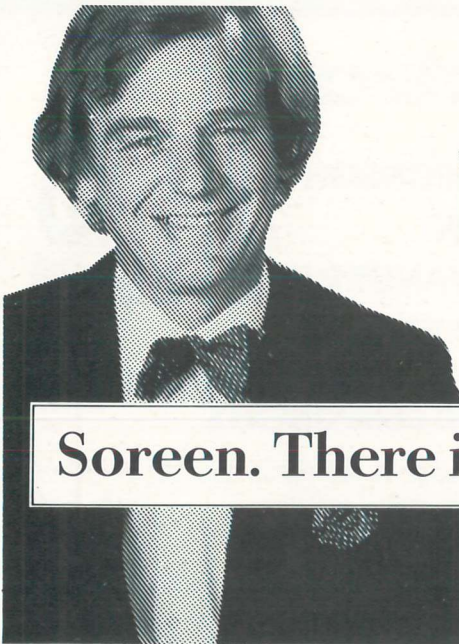
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RECOLLECTIONS

All our League encounters with Reading have taken place in recent history and all at Third Division level.

In October 1984, the Wanderers made their first League visit to Elm Park. In the 21st minute they fell behind when Trevor Senior converted a Dean Horrix cross and five minutes later Horrix himself added a second.

Seven minutes from half time Bolton hit back with a class goal from Jeff Chandler. His brilliant curling right foot shot going past the despairing dive of Gary Westwood.

Bolton pinned Reading down in their own half for much of the second half but the home side sealed victory four minutes from time with a goal from Colin Duncan.

The return at Burnden that season saw the Wanderers go down to their seventh successive defeat under new manager Charlie Wright. Dean Horrix rocked Bolton with two goals in a nine minute spell in the first half and although Tony Caldwell pulled one back just before half time it wasn't enough to inspire a second half revival.

In October 1985, Reading joined Spurs in the record books with an eleventh consecutive win

since the start of the season. It was the Wanderers who were on the end of that defeat, a tenth minute goal from Steve Wood being the difference, although they had a number of opportunities to spoil Reading's party.

Reading's last visit to Burnden was in March 1986 when the Wanderers inflicted only the third defeat on that season's runaway Third Division leaders.

In the 58th minute Stuart Ripley was sandwiched by Steve Richardson and Nicky Platnauer and Tony Caldwell converted the spot kick. Warren Joyce clinched victory in the 65th minute with a looping header over Westwood.

Earlier this season the Wanderers took a point from a 1-1 draw at Elm Park. John Thomas gave Bolton the lead in the 59th minute, with a deft chip over Steve Francis, but a 35 yard hit and hope shot from Bill Whitehurst levelled the issue with ten minutes remaining.

Our League record against Reading :

	Pt	W	D	L	F	A
Home	2	1	0	1	3	2
Away	3	0	1	2	2	5
Total	5	1	1	3	5	7



Picture shows John Thomas scoring at Reading earlier this season.

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England came the nearest yet to losing an unbeaten record on home soil to the continental invader, with only a penalty in the dying seconds saving the day, in a game played to celebrate the FA's 90th anniversary.

The match was a contrast of styles and although the World XI provided the major share of the entertainment, England played their part with a more solid approach.

The opening goal came after only five minutes when a lovely pass by Hanappi sent Vukas clear of the defence through the centre. Eckersley's despairing tackle brought Vukas down and from the penalty Kubala made his first great mark on the proceedings.

Three minutes later a fine reverse pass by Lofthouse sent Mortensen tearing through the middle on his own to equalise with a low cross shot. From the quarter hour however the Rest of the World began to build up their powerful position.

Firstly Zebec, racing past the slow turning Ramsey, centred to Boniperti who cut in and smashed home an unstoppable shot, a feat he repeated in the 39th minute after moving inside Eckersley to take a penetrating pass from Vukas.

England were clearly in trouble but two minutes from half time the arrears were reduced when Mullen scored in an open net after a mix up between Navarro and Zeman.

Zeman was in fact having an uncomfortable time in the air against the England counter attack and for the second half he was replaced by Beara.

There was a swift equalising goal from England when Mullen shot home off the far post after another searching dribble and centre by Matthews.

With 25 minutes remaining, Zebec, suddenly appearing at outside right, pulled the ball across the English defence and in a flash Kubala left Merrick helpless with a rising left foot shot into the top corner of the net.

It seemed England were down and out when Kubala broke clear but he hit the post with Merrick at full stretch to effect a desperate save. But England were not yet done and one last gallant rally saw the final enactment of the Mortenson-Cajkovski confrontation when the Yugoslav pushed the Blackpool forward over.

What a responsibility rested with Ramsey as the final seconds crawled on but he hit the net with a thunderous shot from the penalty spot to the delight of the 97,000 crowd.

Teams:

England: Merrick (Birmingham), Ramsey (Spurs), Eckersley (Blackburn), Wright (Wolves), Ufton (Charlton), Dickinson (Portsmouth), Matthews (Blackpool), Mortensen (Blackpool), Lofthouse (Bolton), Quixall (Shef. Wed) Mullen (Wolves).

The Rest of the World: Zeman (Austria), Navarro (Spain), Hanappi (Austria), Cajkovski (Yugoslavia), Posipal (Germany), Ocwirk (Austria), Boniperti (Italy), Kubala (Spain), Nordahl (Sweden), Vukas (Yugoslavia), Zebec (Yugoslavia).

WHERE ARE THEY NOW



PETER THOMPSON *Ex Liverpool, Bolton & England.*

Peter Thompson now resides in Wordsworth country, but that's not to say he's taken to poetry - although in his playing days he wriggled past many defences. Nor has he opted for the quiet life, he's still working very hard.

Joining Liverpool from Preston in a £40,000 deal he was the last piece of Bill Shankley's jig-saw in forming a championship winning side. Peter said, "The following season we won the League and only used twelve players. Every week we seemed to win 3 or 4 nil."

In 10 years at Anfield, Peter won Championship medals, an F.A. Cup winners and losers medal and a U.E.F.A. Cup runners-up medal. He said, "We did well in Europe yet never won anything but all the time the Club gained experience which eventually paid off." He describes Shankley as "obsessed" with Liverpool F.C. He continued, "The day I signed he told me I'd be the best player the world had seen, the fastest thing on two legs and become the 'white Pele'. He didn't keep all his promises but I had a good time there. If we lost he would tell us we had let all Liverpool City down."

Late in his career Peter underwent two cartilage operations, and whilst out Steve Highway had taken his place. When a specialist informed Peter that his playing days were over he described that moment as "the worst period of my career and I cried" he admitted. "Then Jimmy Armfield paid £20,000 for me to join Bolton and really I didn't want to go. I was terrified

in case I should break down after 5 minutes and fall flat on my face."

As things turned out the next five years were probably his best. He recalled, "Jimmy needed an older player to bring on the Jones, Siddall's and Whatmore's. They had only won one of the previous 10 games and were lacking in confidence. We started winning and climbed the League and in 4½ years my knee only let me down once. My last season finished on a high note and we won promotion."

It was a good gamble for Bolton, but Peter had meanwhile bought a caravan site in Blackpool following that specialists advice and shortly after there was a price boom. "I eventually sold it for five times more than I'd paid and I wouldn't have bought it but for that specialist."

Looking at wingmen today Peter talked about Peter Barnes. He said, "I don't really know him but when I saw Barnes play he was fabulous. He has tremendous ability and you don't lose that."

Nowadays, Peter Thompson runs the Hare and Hounds residential hotel near Windermere along with his family. "I am working hard at it because I still want to be a success," he said.

He remembers Bolton more than his Cup medals. Peter concluded, "Bill Shankley swore by wingers but if I were a manager today and my livelihood depended on it, I would play a system that got results."

Personality Profile.

ALAN WHITTLE - Groundsman

This week's Profile features Alan Whittle, our head groundsman down here at Burden Park; the man who is ultimately responsible for the up-keep and condition of the pitch, which over the years has been such a credit to him and his staff.

Alan has been with the Club over ten years after accepting the position offered to him by former Director and now Vice President George Ashworth. When Alan arrived after spending 28 years with the Parks Dept. his first task was to create a new pitch, because the old one was taken apart while under-soil heating and a sand system was introduced. He had only 3 months to produce a first class playing area and this gave Alan a tough Baptism in his new job, but he came up trumps and has done ever since.

As well as looking after the pitch at Burden, he also works on training pitches at Brightmet and Radcliffe, which takes up quite a bit of time during a busy week which more often than not spans seven days. Alan is very ably assisted by Joe McGlynn who he states "Is a very good help", and between them on Match days they have ultimate responsibility for security around the changing rooms and making sure the Match Officials have hot drinks and baths around full-time.

Over the last couple of years, Alan has had his fair share of games of Rugby League to cater for down here at Burden and recalls the first game staged here between Swinton and Sheffield Eagles when it snowed non-stop all evening; "Yes, that was very hard that night because we had to keep sweeping the markings around

the pitch due to the heavy snow."

Only a couple of weeks ago the Press and Television were praising him and his staff for the wonderful condition of the pitch, which only hours earlier had seen the lads playing Gillingham. That was the John Player Final between Wigan and Widnes and that of course was very satisfying after working through the night to ensure the pitch was first class.

When Alan was asked for the player he had rated the best at Burden over the years, he said "No doubt about it, Peter Thompson". Although saying that, we've had some fine players in Frank Worthington, Peter Reid, etc.

When asked what a typical week entailed, he commented, "Well, the Monday following a match we normally replace the divots and then spike the pitch and when the next game approaches we use the light roller on the field and then mark the pitch ready for the game." On the day of a game Alan is usually first at the Ground around 8.00 a.m. and normally last away around 6.30 to 7.00 p.m.; it's probably a good thing that his wife Vera is as keen a supporter as himself, watching the team as often as possible.

Alan has become a respected figure with fellow groundsmen around the North West Clubs and is often contacted for advice, but he also likes to help with the local soccer pitches and does all he can when approached.

For a man who has supported the Wanderers all his life, Alan simply loves his job and keeps producing the pitch to a tremendous standard, season in, season out.

LEAGUE SCENE

Division Three

Wolves.....	24	16	5	3	56	26	53
Port Vale.....	22	14	4	4	47	21	46
Swansea.....	24	11	8	5	34	26	41
Sheff. Utd.....	22	12	3	7	48	29	39
Bristol Rov.....	23	10	8	5	40	29	38
Bury.....	24	11	5	8	37	32	38
Fulham.....	24	11	5	8	38	35	38
Preston N.E.....	24	10	7	7	38	32	37
Chester.....	24	10	6	8	38	41	36
Brentford.....	23	9	7	7	33	29	34
Bristol City.....	23	9	6	8	27	26	33
Mansfield.....	23	7	10	6	25	27	31
Huddersf'd.....	23	9	4	10	28	34	31
Bolton.....	24	8	6	10	33	31	30
Reading.....	22	8	5	9	33	34	29
Cardiff.....	21	7	7	7	25	30	28
Blackpool.....	22	5	10	7	28	25	25
Wigan.....	25	6	7	12	29	34	25
Northampton.....	24	8	1	15	33	39	25
Southend.....	24	6	7	11	29	43	25
Notts Co.....	23	5	9	9	24	29	24
Ches'field.....	23	6	3	14	20	51	21
Gillingham.....	24	6	2	16	21	39	20
Aldershot.....	23	4	7	12	20	42	19

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AUGUST

27	Southend Utd.	A	02	4,075	Felgate
30	Litt. Cup 1, Chester	H	10	3,535	Felgate

SEPTEMBER

3	Cardiff City	H	4-0	4,831	Felgate
6	Litt. Cup 1, Chester	A	1-3	3,784	Felgate
10	Reading	A	1-1	4,660	Felgate
17	Bristol Rovers	H	1-1	4,821	Felgate
20	Fulham (Tues)	H	3-2	4,289	Felgate
24	Aldershot	A	3-0	2,127	Felgate

OCTOBER

1	Sheffield	H	20	9,345	Felgate
4	Swansea City (Tues)	A	01	3,283	Felgate
8	Blackpool	H	22	7,106	Felgate
15	Port Vale	A	12	7,985	Felgate
22	Wolverhampton W.	H	12	8,174	Felgate
25	Wigan Ath. (Tues)	A	1-1	4,438	Felgate
29	Chesterfield	H	50	4,783	Felgate

NOVEMBER

5	Bristol City	A	1-1	8,808	Felgate
8	Huddersfield T. (Tues)	A	10	7,802	Felgate
12	Bury	H	2-4	7,897	Felgate
19	Chesterfield (FA Cup/1st)	H	00	4,840	Felgate
26	Northampton T.	H	21	4,446	Felgate
28	Chesterfield (FA Cup replay)	A	3-2	4,168	Felgate

DECEMBER

3	Brentford	A	0-3	4,600	Felgate
6	Preston N.E. (Tue.)	H	10	2,805	Felgate
10	Port Vale (FA Cup/2nd)	H	12	7,499	Felgate
17	Chester City	H	01	4,318	Felgate
20	Bury (Sherpa Van Try)(Tue)	A	01	2,023	Felgate
26	Preston N.E. (Mon)	A	1-3	12,124	Felgate
31	Notts County	A	02	5,006	Felgate

JANUARY 1989

2	Mansfield T. (Mon)	H	00	4,936	Felgate
6	Gillingham (F.A.3)(Fri.)	H	21	4,178	Felgate
14	Cardiff City	A	01	4,212	Felgate
17	Preston NE (Sherpa Van)(Tue)	A	10	5,599	Felgate
21	Reading	H			
28	Bristol Rovers (F.A.4)	A			

FEBRUARY

4	Sheffield Utd.	A			
11	Swansea City	H			
18	Blackpool (F.A.5)	A			
25	Port Vale	H			
28	Wigan Ath. (Tues.)	H			

MARCH

4	Wolverhampton W.	A			
11	Bristol City	H			
14	Chesterfield (Tues)	A			
18	Southend (F.A.6)	H			
25	Mansfield T.	A			
27	Preston N.E. (Mon)	H			

APRIL

1	Chester City	A			
4	Gillingham (Tues)	A			
8	Notts County	H			
15	Fulham (F.A.SF)	A			
18	Northampton (Tues)	A			
22	Aldershot	H			
29	Bury	A			

MAY

1	Huddersfield (Mon)	H			
6	Brentford	H			
20	F.A. Cup Final				

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TODAY'S REFEREE

K. S. Hackett (Sheffield)

Mr. Hackett commenced refereeing in Sheffield in 1960 and progressed through Yorkshire League and Northern Premier League to Football League. Important matches officiated in include 1981 F.A. Cup Final and the 1987 Centenary Match F.L. He is married with two lads, Paul and Michael; his hobbies include all sports, gardening and walking.

NEXT HOME GAME: BOLTON WANDERERS v SWANSEA CITY
SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1989.

TODAY'S MASCOT IS
Garry Ramage, aged 5.
He attends St. Andrews School, Walkden, and his favourite players are David Felgate and John Thomas.



TODAYS LINE-UP

BOLTON WANDERERS

WHITE SHIRTS & BLUE SHORTS

1. DAVE FELGATE
2. PHIL BROWN
3. BARRY COWDRILL
4. NICKY BROOKMAN
5. GLEN KEELEY
6. MARK WINSTANLEY
7. PETER BARNES
8. STEVE THOMPSON
9. TREVOR MORGAN
10. IAN STEVENS
11. JEFF CHANDLER
12. GARY HENSHAW
14. STUART STORER

TODAY'S OFFICIALS
REFEREE: K. S. HACKETT
LINESMEN: S. D. BELL
B. M. RICE

READING

YELLOW SHIRTS & BLUE SHORTS

1. GARY PHILLIPS
2. STEVE RICHARDSON
3. IRVIN GERON
4. STUART BEAVON
5. MARTIN HICKS
6. MARK WHITLOCK
7. KEITH KNIGHT
8. MICHAEL TAIT
9. TREVOR SENIOR
10. MICHAEL CONROY
11. MICHAEL GILKES
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